

REMARKS

Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372. Applicants were required to elect a single invention from the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 11, drawn to a method for separation and purification of fibrinogen and at least one other protein and fibrinogen prepared by said process.
- II. Claims 13-14, drawn to a kit comprising fibrinogen and thrombin.
- III. Claims 16-23, drawn to a lyophilized fibrinogen formulation comprising fibrinogen, factor XIII, a carbohydrate, an amino acid, a salt, a buffer and a detergent, the formulation being capable of dissolution in water at ambient temperature in less than 15 minutes, to give a fibrinogen solution.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group I, encompassing Claims 1-7, 11 drawn to a method for separation and purification of fibrinogen and at least one other protein and fibrinogen prepared by said process. In addition, New Claims 24-27 also belong to Group I since they depend from Claims 1, 3 or 7. Support for these new claims may be found in the Specification as filed, for example at page 9, lines 9-34.

Request for Rejoinder

Upon allowance of Group I claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn Claims 16-20, 22 and 23, which are ultimately dependent on the elected Group I claims and include all of the limitations of Claims 1, 3 or 7.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not

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reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.

Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/520,457	PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A VIRUS-INACTIVATED THROMBIN PREPARATION	30-Nov-2005

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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